

MARYLAND HEALTH CARE COMMISSION

2006 Review Schedule

Schedules For Certificate of Need Review

The Maryland Health Care Commission provides the following schedules to interested members of the public and potential developers of health service and facility projects subject to Certificate of Need review and approval. The general criteria for Certificate of Need review are set forth at COMAR 10.24.01.08G(3). An applicant must demonstrate that the proposed project is consistent with these review criteria, as well as with applicable standards and need projections in the State Health Plan for Facilities and Services (State Health Plan), in order to be approved for a Certificate of Need.

This group of Certificate of Need review schedules updates and extends the schedules published in 33:7 Md. R 691—695 (March 30, 2006) and 33:8 Md. R. 756 (April 14, 2006), by repealing each previously published scheduled review for which the due date for receipt of Letters of Intent has not yet occurred. These review schedules are not solicitations by the Commission for Certificate of Need applications, and do not indicate in themselves that additional capacity is needed in services subject to Certificate of Need review, or that Certificate of Need applications submitted for the services described will be approved by the Commission.

Applicants are encouraged to discuss their development plans and projects with the Commission Staff prior to filing letters of intent or applications.

Letters of Intent and Applications for scheduled reviews may only be received and reviewed according to these published schedules.

For further information about review schedules or procedures, call Paul Parker, Chief of Certificate of Need, at (410) 764-3261.

Acute Care Hospital Projects: Capital Construction and Changes to Bed Capacity

The Commission hereby publishes the following schedules for the submission of Certificate of Need applications by acute care hospitals, which involve either capital expenditures related to proposed new hospitals, replacement hospital facilities, new construction or renovation to existing acute care hospitals, proposed increases in licensed medical-surgical-gynecology-addictions and pediatrics bed capacity at existing hospitals, or projects that involve more than one of these categories.

**Schedule One:
All Acute Care Hospital Projects**

Jurisdictions	Letter of Intent Due Date	Pre-Application Conference Date	Application Submission Date
Allegany, Frederick, Garrett, Washington	November 3, 2006	November 15, 2006	January 5, 2007
Anne Arundel, Baltimore, Carroll, Harford, Howard, Baltimore City	December 1, 2006	December 13, 2006	February 2, 2007
Caroline, Cecil, Dorchester, Kent, Queen Anne's, Somerset, Talbot, Wicomico, Worcester	January 5, 2007	January 17, 2007	March 9, 2007
Calvert, Charles, Montgomery, Prince George's, St. Mary's	February 2, 2007	February 14, 2007	April 6, 2007

**Schedule Two:
All Acute Care Hospital Projects**

Jurisdictions	Letter of Intent Due Date	Pre-Application Conference Date	Application Submission Date
Allegany, Frederick, Garrett, Washington	May 4, 2007	May 16, 2007	July 6, 2007
Anne Arundel, Baltimore, Carroll, Harford, Howard, Baltimore City	June 1, 2007	June 13, 2007	August 3, 2007
Caroline, Cecil, Dorchester, Kent, Queen Anne's, Somerset, Talbot, Wicomico, Worcester	July 6, 2007	July 18, 2007	September 7, 2007
Calvert, Charles, Montgomery, Prince George's, St. Mary's	August 3, 2007	August 15, 2007	October 5, 2007

Neonatal Intensive Care Units (NICU)

The Commission hereby publishes the following schedules for the submission of applications to establish a new neonatal intensive care unit at an acute care hospital. These schedules are contingent upon the adoption into regulation of an update to the State Health Plan for Neonatal Intensive Care Services, and may be revised.

Schedule One
Neonatal Intensive Care Units (NICU)

	Letter of Intent Due Date	Pre-Application Conference Date	Application Submission Date
All regions	December 8, 2006	December 20, 2006	February 9, 2007

Schedule Two
Neonatal Intensive Care Units (NICU)

	Letter of Intent Due Date	Pre-Application Conference Date	Application Submission Date
All regions	June 1, 2007	June 13, 2007	August 3, 2007

Special Hospitals (Pediatric, Psychiatric, Chronic, and Rehabilitation)

The Commission hereby publishes the following schedules for the submission of applications for any action related to facilities with the “special hospital” license category, including psychiatric, chronic, rehabilitation, or pediatric, including the establishment of a new special hospital, a replacement facility for an existing special hospital, capital expenditures for new construction or renovation at an existing special hospital, or changes to service categories or bed capacity in an existing special hospital. For these special hospital services, the Commission will consider applications by the following configuration of counties:

Western Maryland: Allegany, Carroll, Frederick, Garrett, Washington

Central Maryland: Anne Arundel, Baltimore, Harford, Howard, Baltimore City

Montgomery: Montgomery County

Southern Maryland: Calvert, Charles, Prince George's, St. Mary's

Eastern Shore: Caroline, Cecil, Dorchester, Kent, Queen Anne's, Somerset, Talbot, Wicomico, Worcester

Schedule One
Special Hospitals (Pediatric, Psychiatric, Chronic, and Rehabilitation)

Health Planning Region	Letter of Intent Due Date	Pre-Application Conference Date	Application Submission Date
Eastern Shore	September 8, 2006	September 20, 2006	November 10, 2006
Western Maryland	October 6, 2006	October 18, 2006	December 8, 2006
Montgomery County	December 8, 2006	December 20, 2006	February 9, 2007
Southern Maryland	January 5, 2007	January 17, 2007	March 9, 2007
Central Maryland	February 9, 2007	February 21, 2007	April 13, 2007

Schedule Two
Special Hospitals (Pediatric, Psychiatric, Chronic, and Rehabilitation)

Health Planning Region	Letter of Intent Due Date	Pre-Application Conference Date	Application Submission Date
Eastern Shore	March 9, 2007	March 21, 2007	May 11, 2007
Western Maryland	April 6, 2007	April 18, 2007	June 8, 2007
Montgomery County	June 1, 2007	June 13, 2007	August 3, 2007
Southern Maryland	July 6, 2007	July 18, 2007	September 7, 2007
Central Maryland	August 3, 2007	August 15, 2007	October 5, 2007

Alcohol and Substance Abuse Treatment Facilities

The Commission hereby publishes the following schedules for the submission of Certificate of Need applications to establish intermediate care facility for the treatment of alcohol and substance abuse. Applications will be considered according to this schedule for programs categorized by the Commission as “Track 1,” or privately-funded facilities, which are required by State Health Plan policies to treat between 15 and 30% indigent and “gray area” clients, for adults or adolescents (up to age 17), respectively, in the health service areas in which the Commission's projections indicate need for new treatment capacity.

Letters of intent and applications to establish “Track 2,” or publicly-funded facilities, defined by the State Health Plan as those “substantially funded by the budget processes of the State” or “by one or more jurisdictional governments,” [(COMAR 10.24.14.08B(21))], which must reserve at least 50% of their proposed annual adolescent or adult bed capacity for indigent and gray area patients, may be submitted at any time.

In the State Health Plan for this service, the following configuration of counties by region applies:

Western Maryland: Allegany, Carroll, Frederick, Garrett, Washington

Central Maryland: Anne Arundel, Baltimore, Harford, Howard, Baltimore City

Montgomery: Montgomery County

Southern Maryland: Calvert, Charles, Prince George's, St. Mary's

Eastern Shore: Caroline, Cecil, Dorchester, Kent, Queen Anne's, Somerset, Talbot, Wicomico, Worcester

Schedule One: Track 1 (Private) Facilities for Adults
Alcohol and Substance Abuse Treatment Facilities

Health Planning Region	Letter of Intent Due Date	Pre-Application Conference Date	Application Submission Date
Central Maryland	September 15, 2006	September 27, 2006	November 17, 2006
Southern Maryland	October 13, 2006	October 25, 2006	December 15, 2006
Eastern Shore	November 17, 2006	November 29, 2006	January 19, 2007
Montgomery County	December 15, 2006	December 27, 2006	February 16, 2007

**Schedule Two: Track 1 (Private) Facilities for Adults
Alcohol and Substance Abuse Treatment Facilities**

Health Planning Region	Letter of Intent Due Date	Pre-Application Conference Date	Application Submission Date
Central Maryland	March 16, 2007	March 28, 2007	May 18, 2007
Southern Maryland	April 13, 2007	April 25, 2007	June 15, 2007
Eastern Shore	May 18, 2007	May 31, 2007	July 20, 2007
Montgomery County	June 15, 2007	June 27, 2007	August 17, 2007

**Schedule One: Track 1 (Private) Facilities for Adolescents
Alcohol and Substance Abuse Treatment Facilities**

Health Planning Region	Letter of Intent Due Date	Pre-Application Conference Date	Application Submission Date
Southern Maryland	October 20, 2006	November 1, 2006	December 22, 2006
Eastern Shore	November 17, 2006	November 29, 2006	January 19, 2007
Western Maryland	December 15, 2006	December 27, 2007	February 16, 2007
Montgomery County	December 22, 2006	January 3, 2007	February 23, 2007

**Schedule Two: Track 1 (Private) Facilities for Adolescents
Alcohol and Substance Abuse Treatment Facilities**

Health Planning Region	Letter of Intent Due Date	Pre-Application Conference Date	Application Submission Date
Southern Maryland	April 20, 2007	May 2, 2007	June 22, 2007
Eastern Shore	May 25, 2007	June 6, 2007	July 27, 2007
Western Maryland	June 15, 2007	June 27, 2007	August 17, 2007
Montgomery County	June 29, 2007	July 11, 2007	August 31, 2007

Freestanding Ambulatory Surgical Facilities

The Commission hereby establishes the following schedules for the submission of applications for new freestanding ambulatory surgical facilities, as defined in statute at Health-General Article §19-114(b).

**Schedule One
Freestanding Ambulatory Surgical Facilities**

Jurisdictions	Letter of Intent Due Date	Pre-Application Conference Date	Application Submission Date
Anne Arundel, Baltimore, Carroll, Harford, Howard, Baltimore City	October 6, 2006	October 18, 2006	December 8, 2006
Caroline, Cecil, Dorchester, Kent, Queen Anne's, Somerset, Talbot Wicomico, Worcester	December 1, 2006	December 13, 2006	February 2, 2007
Allegany, Frederick, Garrett, Washington	February 9, 2007	February 21, 2007	April 13, 2007
Calvert, Charles, Montgomery, Prince George's, St. Mary's	April 13, 2007	April 25, 2007	June 15, 2007

**Schedule Two
Freestanding Ambulatory Surgical Facilities**

Jurisdictions	Letter of Intent Due Date	Pre-Application Conference Date	Application Submission Date
Anne Arundel, Baltimore, Carroll, Harford, Howard, Baltimore City	April 6, 2007	April 18, 2007	June 8, 2007
Caroline, Cecil, Dorchester, Kent, Queen Anne's, Somerset, Talbot Wicomico, Worcester	June 1, 2007	June 13, 2007	August 3, 2007
Allegany, Frederick, Garrett, Washington	August 10, 2007	August 22, 2007	October 12, 2007
Calvert, Charles, Montgomery, Prince George's, St. Mary's	October 5, 2007	October 17, 2007	December 7, 2007

Comprehensive Care Facility Projects

The Commission hereby publishes the following two schedules for submission of applications for proposed projects affecting comprehensive care facilities (CCFs). Schedule One is divided into two parts: Part A provides an opportunity to propose the addition of CCF beds in the two Maryland jurisdictions in which the most recent State Health Plan need projection (COMAR 10.24.08, effective April 15, 2002, with bed need totals amended to reflect subsequent inventory changes) continues to project new bed need by 2005: Somerset County (4 beds) and Charles County (20 beds). Part B of Schedule One establishes submission dates for Certificate of Need applications related to all other CCF projects, including those that involve a proposed capital expenditure for new construction or renovation at an existing CCF, the replacement of an existing facility entirely on its present site or an adjacent site, or the proposed relocation of some or all of the CCF bed capacity from an existing facility to a new site within its jurisdiction. A second set of submission dates for these "Other Comprehensive Care Facility Projects" appears as Schedule Two.

In the State Health Plan for this service, the following configuration of jurisdictions by region applies:

<u>Western Maryland:</u> Allegany, Carroll, Frederick, Garrett, Washington	<u>Central Maryland:</u> Anne Arundel, Baltimore, Harford, Howard, Baltimore City
<u>Montgomery:</u> Montgomery County	<u>Southern Maryland:</u> Calvert, Charles, Prince George's, St. Mary's
<u>Eastern Shore:</u> Caroline, Cecil, Dorchester, Kent, Queen Anne's, Somerset, Talbot, Wicomico, Worcester	

Schedule One:

Part A: New Comprehensive Care Facility Beds

Jurisdiction	Letter of Intent Due Date	Pre-Application Conference Date	Application Submission Date
Charles County	January 5, 2007	January 17, 2007	March 9, 2007
Somerset County	September 15, 2006	September 27, 2006	November 17, 2006

Schedule One:

Part B: Other Comprehensive Care Facility Projects

Health Planning Region	Letter of Intent Due Date	Pre-Application Conference Date	Application Submission Date
Southern Maryland	September 8, 2006	September 20, 2006	November 17, 2006
Eastern Shore	October 6, 2006	October 18, 2006	December 8, 2006
Western Maryland	November 3, 2006	November 15, 2006	January 5, 2007
Montgomery County	December 1, 2006	December 13, 2006	February 2, 2007
Central Maryland	February 9, 2007	February 21, 2007	April 13, 2007

Schedule Two:

Other Comprehensive Care Facility Projects

Health Planning Region	Letter of Intent Due Date	Pre-Application Conference Date	Application Submission Date
Southern Maryland	March 9, 2007	March 14, 2007	May 11, 2007
Eastern Shore	April 13, 2007	April 25, 2007	June 15, 2007
Western Maryland	May 4, 2007	May 16, 2007	July 6, 2007
Montgomery County	June 1, 2007	June 13, 2007	August 3, 2007
Central Maryland	August 3, 2007	August 15, 2007	October 5, 2007

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